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EVALUATION OF CONTENT

1. Two lines of defense facing west have been observed in the Arctic region. (See sketch map attached.)

- a. 1st line: Begins at the northern point of the Ribachi Peninsula, near the town of Vaitolahti, where very heavy coastal batteries, searchlights, and radar installations were observed. The line follows the coast southward to the Petsamo fjord, along the eastern edge of the fjord, and passes near the small fortified town of Porovaa; it touches the very important fortified center of Petsamo, continues southward along the Petsamo River, and stops at the small fortified town of Luostari.
- b. 2nd line: Begins at the mouth of the Litsa River and passes by the small town of Bolshaya Litsa, a strongly fortified center where there is a large garrison; it follows the east bank of the Litsa and stops 25 kms. south of Bolshaya Litsa.

These two lines consist of a series of bunkers, not occupied at present, which depend upon a system of powerfully fortified points, of which Petsamo is the center.

2. The following large units have been identified at Petsamo:

6th Ski Brigade
4th Marine Infantry Brigade
12th Marine Infantry Brigade

During the autumn of 1946, the effectives of the Marine Infantry Brigades were noticeably increased and the units were equipped with modern amphibious material.

3. An automobile route from Murmansk to Petsamo has been put into service. It passes through Bolshaya Litsa, Zabochnaya Litsa, and Titovka Most. The Petsamo-Luostari-Nikel (former Finnish town of Kolosjoki, about 10 kms. southeast of Luostari) road, begun by the Germans and Finns, has been completed by the Russians. The roads from Petsamo to Mienhamari (along the western edge of the fjord), and from Petsamo to Porovaa (along the eastern edge of the fjord), have been reconditioned and enlarged.
4. A large military airfield was observed two kms. southwest of Nikel (Kolosjoki).

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Former workers at the field reported that fuel reservoirs and a bomb depot had been installed underground. At the end of 1946, twenty military planes were on the field.

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